

City of Ankeny 2021 Earth Day Free Tree Giveaway



Swamp White Oak
Height: 50-60'
Growth: medium
Fall: Yellow-Brown



Hackberry
Height: 50-70'
Growth: fast
Fall: Yellow



River Birch
Height: 40-70'
Growth: fast
Fall: Yellow



Red Oak
Height: 60-70'
Growth: fast
Fall: Red to Orange-Red

Seedling Planting Information:

All trees will have their roots wrapped in a wet paper towel which is then wrapped with plastic. The paper towel and plastic must be removed before planting.

Planting

- Dig a hole two-three times the width of the root ball but only as deep as the root ball.
- While holding onto the root ball, center the tree in hole and make sure the top of the root ball is at the surface of the ground.
- Adjust the vertical plumb as needed.
- Do not amend back-fill soil with mulch or compost, but do break it up as much as possible.
- Fill in the hole and then place three to four inches of wood or bark chip mulch around the tree, two-three feet wider than the diameter of hole.
- Keep the mulch six inches away from the base of the tree to prevent moisture buildup on bark.
- Lightly step around hole to firm up soil underneath mulch.

Watering:

- Slowly and thoroughly water the tree to eliminate any big air pockets in soil.
- For the first growing season, check the soil moisture weekly by feeling the soil under the mulch with your finger and water thoroughly as the soil becomes dry.

